dozen of the world's top hotel chains are vying to grab equity stakes in 8 I.T.D.C. hotels which are stated to be privatised in the first instance as per the news report in the Indian Express, of the 7th February, 1992 entitled "8 I.T.D.C. units to be privatised—World Hotel Gaints vie for equity stake"; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels each are proposed to be developed in this manner for which offers have been invited from reputed hotel chains. Some leading foreign hotel chains have evinced interest in this scheme but no final decision in the matter has yet been taken.

उत्तर प्रदेश में एस०टी०डी० की सुविधा

*193. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1992 में उत्तर प्रदेश में अब तक किन-किन स्थानों को एस०टी०डी० सुविधा से जोड़ दिया गया है तथा उन स्थानों की कोड-संख्या क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) दिसम्बर, 1992 तक किन-किन स्थानों को एस०टी०डी० सुविधा से जोड़ दिये जाने का विचार है, और

(ग) संचार सुविधाओं के विस्तार में और तेजी लाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क)

फर्रुखाबाद — 05692
सिकन्दराबाद — 05735
कोटवा — 054297
राठ — 05162-89

(ख) सूची विवरण में दी गई है। (नीचे देखिये)

(ग) (i) उत्तर प्रदेश में बड़ी संख्या में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करते हुए टेलीफोन नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने का प्रस्ताव है। 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के मसौदे में देश के ग्रामीण और जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में मांगने पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन वास्तविक रूप से उपलब्ध कराने और बड़ी टेलीफोन प्रणालियों में प्रतीक्षा सूची के 2 वर्ष तक सीमित रखने की परिकल्पना की गई है।

(ii) दूरसंचार सुविधाओं के प्रभाव को बढ़ाने के लिए 8 वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान एस०टी०डी० सेवाओं का विस्तार जिला मुख्यालयों, उप मंडलीय मुख्यालयों, तहसील मुख्यालयों, औद्योगिक संवृद्धि केन्द्रों, तीर्थ स्थानों, पर्यटन केन्द्रों और अन्य आटोमैटिक एक्सचेंजों तक किया जा रहा है।

(iii) 31.3.1995 तक प्रत्येक ग्राम पंचायत में एक टेलीफोन उपलब्ध कराने का प्रस्ताव है।

विवरण

दिसंबर, 1992 तक एस०टी०डी० सुविधा से जोड़े जाने वाले उत्तर प्रदेश के प्रस्तावित स्थान

हलद्वानी, निधासन, नीमसर, सिथौली, सरधना, सिकंदराबाद, ऐतमादपुर, अतरौली, मेजा, रासड़ा, कारवी, आँवला, भामपुर, नजीबाबाद, दुमरियागंज, खलीलाबाद, हाटा, कैराना, जोशीमठ, झाँसी, गढ़ मुक्तेश्वर, गजरौला, ऊँचाहार, मालधान, डिबियापुर, गोलागोकर्णनाथ, ऋषिकेश, सम्भल, अमरोहा, चंदौसी, नवाबगंज (गोंडा), चौरीचौरा, शामली, टांडा।

Organisation of Fairs Abroad by TFAI

*194. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade fairs organised abroad by the Trade Fair Authority of India during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of such fairs, exhibitions in which T.F.A.I propose to participate during the financial year 1992-93;

(c) what was the expenditure incurred on such fairs during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92, the foreign exchange earned and the export business yielded thereby;

(d) whether it is also a fact that

T.F.A.I are charging fees from the exporters who want to gain access to the information from its Trade Information Centres, apart from services charges from participants in such fairs;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government propose to reduce such charges in order to encourage exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92, Trade Fair Authority of India now named as India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organised participation in fairs/ exhibitions abroad as under:—

Year	No. of fairs/ exhibitions
1989-90	43
1990-91	38
1991-92	38

(b) The I.T.D.C. have not intimated their programme of participation in fairs/ exhibitions being organised by Trade Fair Authority of India during 1992-93. India Trade Promotion Organisation proposes to participate in 41 events including 2 exclusive Indian exhibitions in Ukraine and Mauritius.

(c) Expenditure incurred on participation in fairs /exhibitions abroad and business booked as reported by the participants during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (till January, 1992) is as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	No. of fairs/ exhibitions reported by the participants	Expenditure incurred	Business booked as
1990-91	38	1198.97	44179.73
1991-92 (till January, 1992)	34	1318.20	38540.46

(d) and (e) Trade Fair Authority of India are not charging any fees from exporters for supply of information by its Trade Information Offices (abroad).

(f) Does not arise.

Telecom Link As Between Pune-Bombay-Dhulia

*195. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 60 crores high-technical fibre-optic telecom link as between Pune-Bombay-Dhulia which was commissioned on the 31st March, 1991 has remained unutilised, so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how much loss has been sufferred by Government as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to utilise this link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Optical Fibre systems between Bombay-Pune and Bombay-Dhulia have not yet been commissioned.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) The links are expected to be commissioned in April/May'92. They will be utilised thereafter.

Agitation in New India Assurance Company, New Delhi

*196. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of New India Assurance Company, Delhi Regional Office I are on agitation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the demands of the Unions/ Associations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that top executives are being frequently reshuffled; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper functioning of the organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.